

AT PRIZE WITH ALL NATIONS

President Taft Sends in Special Message Reviewing Our Relations With Other Countries.

Important General Movement for Broader Arbitration On Part of Powers is Noted—Mexican War Discussed—Merchant Marine Needed.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The first of President Taft's special messages was read in congress today. It deals entirely with foreign affairs. The message in part follows:

The relations of the United States with other countries have continued during the past twelve months upon a basis of mutual good will and friendly intercourse.

Arbitration.

The year just passed marks an important general movement on the part of the powers for broader arbitration. In the recognition of the manifold benefits to mankind in the extension of the policy of the settlement of international disputes by arbitration rather than by war, and in response to a widespread demand for an advance in that direction on the part of the people of the United States and of Great Britain and of France, new arbitration treaties were negotiated last spring with Great Britain and France. The terms of which were designed, as expressed in these treaties, to extend the scope and obligations of the policy of arbitration adopted in our present treaties with those governments. To pave the way for this treaty with the United States, Great Britain and France, an important modification in its alliance with Japan and the French government also expedited its negotiations with signal good will. The new treaties have been submitted to the senate and are awaiting its action and consent to their ratification. All the essentials of these important treaties have been known, and it is my earnest hope that they will receive prompt and favorable action.

Claim of Alsop & Co. Settled.

I am glad to report that on July 1 last the American claim of Alsop & Co. against the Republic of Chile was finally disposed of by the decision of his Britannic majesty George V. The claim was amiable compromise, the matter had been referred to arbitration. His majesty's decision was in favor of the claimants, which was promptly paid by Chile. The settlement of this controversy has been a most satisfactory one, and it is my hope that the relations between the Republic of Chile and the United States will be improved by the settlement of this controversy. The settlement of this controversy has been a most satisfactory one, and it is my hope that the relations between the Republic of Chile and the United States will be improved by the settlement of this controversy.

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In further illustration of the practical and beneficial application of the principle of arbitration and the underlying broad spirit of the settlement of international disputes, the United States has been successful in settling the dispute between Panama and Costa Rica and between Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

Since the declaration of independence, Colombia and Costa Rica have been seeking a solution of a boundary dispute, which came as a result of the settlement of the new Republic of Panama, upon its beginning life as an independent nation. In January, 1908, the United States, both governments the agents representing them met in conference at the department of state and after a long and friendly discussion, they concluded a protocol submitting this long-pending controversy to the arbitration of the chief justice of the United States, who consented to act in this capacity. A boundary commission, according to the terms of the protocol, was appointed, and it is expected that the arguments will shortly proceed and that the long-standing dispute will be honorably and satisfactorily terminated.

Again, a few months ago it appeared that the Dominican Republic and Haiti were about to enter upon hostilities because of complications growing out of an ancient boundary dispute which the efforts of many years had failed to solve. The government of the United States, in a friendly interpretation of good offices, succeeded in prevailing upon the parties to place their reliance upon some form of pacific settlement.

Mexico.

The recent political events in Mexico received attention from this government because of the extremely delicate and difficult situation created along our southern border and the necessity for taking measures properly to safeguard American interests. The government of the United States, in its desire to secure a proper observance of the principles of the so-called neutrality statutes of the federal government, issued directions to the appropriate officers to exercise vigilant and vigilant regard for the requirements of such rules and laws. Although a condition of peace and quietness existed, there was no official recognition of belligerence involving the technical neutrality obligations of the United States.

On the 6th of March last, in the absence of the secretary of state, I had a personal interview with Mr. Wilson, ambassador of the United States to Mexico, in which he reported to me that the conditions in Mexico were such that the United States should be on a high state of alert. He reported that the press dispatches disclosed that President Diaz was on a volcano of popular uprising, that the small outbreaks which had occurred were highly symptomatic of the whole condition; that very large numbers of the people were in sympathy with the insurrection; that a general explosion was possible at any time, in which case the lives of the 40,000 or more American residents in Mexico might be endangered, and that large American investments might be injured or destroyed.

After a conference with the secretary of war and the secretary of the navy, I thought it wise to assemble an army division of full troops, including the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 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